BOOK REVIEWS

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A COOK-BOOK FOR NURSES. By Sarah C. Hill, Instructor in Cooking, Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago. Price, 75 cents. Whitcomb & Barrows, Boston.

Here is still another cook-book offered for the consideration of nurses. We are almost provided with a cook-book for every training-school for nurses in the country. Most of them are good books, each one seems to possess some claim to merit overlooked by its predecessors, and the cook-book shelf in the library threatens to become over crowded, while some of the other shelves are mere howling wildernesses of emptiness.

The feature of Miss Hill's book is its individual receipts. Nearly all books give receipts in quantities for serving four or more people, and the nurse who is catering for a single person is obliged to divide quantities to suit her occasion. In other ways Miss Hill's book does not depart at all from the common path, unless one may mention her system of abbreviation which is more of a fault than an improvement on earlier methods. C, cup; tsp, teaspoon; tbsp, tablespoon, are apt to prove sad pitfalls to those who glance quickly; $\frac{3}{4}$ qts and $\frac{1}{16}$ tsp suggest Assyrian characters and must of necessity divert the mind from milk-porridge and potato-soup. The book has a breathless air some way suggesting a mad gallop over the dietetic field. All articles and prepositions which can be omitted are missing, so that one jumps from nouns to verbs without the aid of the lesser and qualifying parts of speech. If one writes a book at all surely it is worth while to give time enough to the work to do it well.

SURGICAL SUGGESTIONS: PRACTICAL BREVITIES IN DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT. By Walter M. Brinckner, M.D., Chief of Surgical Department, Mount Sinai Hospital Dispensary; Editor-in-Chief, American Journal of Surgery, New York; and Eli Moschcowitz, M.D., Assistant Physician, Mount Sinai Hospital Dispensary, Editorial Associate, American Journal of Surgery, New York. Price, 50 cents. Surgery Publishing Company, New York.

The title of this book will probably act as "hands off" warning

to nurses unless they recognize in it old acquaintances made in the pages of the *American Journal of Surgery*, where it first appeared. To those who are not already informed of its excellence we can safely recommend it even though it may be found to be open to the same objection as an unlearned man made to the dictionary when asked his opinion of it. "Excellent reading," said he, "but the subject changes very often." Some of the suggestions are very practical and the whole book is well worth the half hour one may spend in reading it.

A COMPEND OF OBSTETRICS. Especially adapted to the use of Medical Students and Physicians. By Henry G. Landis, A.M., M.D., Late Professor of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women in Starling Medical College. Revised and edited by William H. Wells, Demonstrator of Clinical Obstetrics in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; Gynæcologist to the Mount Sinai Hospital, Philadelphia; Late Adjunct Professor of Obstetrics and Diseases of Infancy in Philadelphia Polyclinic; Fellow of the College of Physicians, and of the Gynæcological section of the same; member of the Pediatric Society of Philadelphia, etc., etc.

The eighth edition of this student's classic appears, enlarged and finely illustrated.